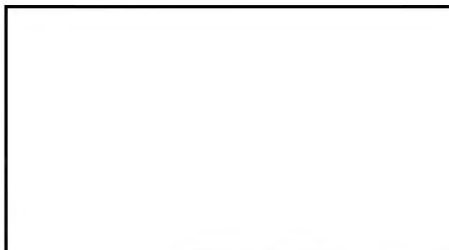


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This is to acknowledge receipt, with great reluctance, of your letter of resignation from the service of the Central Intelligence Agency. On leaving this Agency, I wish to thank you for the very loyal and competent service you have rendered and for the industry and skill you have at all times displayed in furthering the objectives of this organization.

My best wishes go with you in whatever you may undertake in the future along with the confidence that your endeavors will be most successful.

Very sincerely yours,

*Handwritten: 1 cc via ER 5/17*  
R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
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